GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:146
ANSWERED ON:17.02.2009
STRENGTH OF BSF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned and actual strength of Border Security Force (BSF) in the country as on date, gender-wise and cadrewise;

(b) whether there is shortage of strength is BSF;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the Force does not suffer from shortage of manpower and equipment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) To (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 146 FOR 17.02.2009

The sanctioned and actual strength of Border Security Force (BSF) in the country as on date; gender-wise and cadre-wise is as on 01.01.2009 was as under :

Sl. No.	Cadre	Sanctioned strength	Actual Strength		
		Male	Female	Total	
1	Executive Cadre (including General Duty, Motor Transport, Law, Water Wing, Air Wing and Engineering.	1,95,361	1,90,703	645	1,91,348
2	Ministerial cadre	3,550	2,859	239	3,098
3	Communication	9,744	9,242	-	9,242
4	Medical Staff	1,178	635	158	793

5 Civil Staff (including Pay and Accounts Directorate)	468	280	84	364
	2,10,301	2,03,719	1,126	2,04,845

At present there are 5,456 vacancies in Border Security Force. The shortfall is caused by retirement, voluntary retirement, resignation, death, etc., which is less than three per cent of the total strength of the Force.

The vacancies for each vacancy year are anticipated well in advance and are systematically filled up through direct recruitment, promotion, deputation, absorption, re-employment, etc. as provided in the relevant Recruitment Rules.Equipments are being regularly supplied to field units as per authorization.